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A UNIDO CONSTITUTION (IGC-III): FINANCING TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE FROM ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS

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1. USDEL TODAY EXPLAINED ALONG LINES OF REFTEL A TO
HEAD OF FRG DELEGATION (MINISTER HOFFMANN) AND ALTERNATE
REP (EBERHARD KURTH) BASIS FOR US APPROACH TO QUESTION
OF FINANCING TA ACTIVITIES FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET
OF FAO. WE EMPHASIZED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROBLEM WE
FACED IN ESTABLISHING THE PROVISIONS OF A UNIDO CONSTITUTION
ON THE ONE HAND AND PRACTICAL SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN
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IN THE FAO. WE ALSO STRESSED GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH

TO CLOSE CONSULTATION ON BUDGETARY MATTERS IN UN AGENCIES,
CITING EXAMPLES FROM REFTEL (A) OF INSTANCES WHERE US ATTEMPTS
TO CONTAIN AGENCY BUDGET RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT.

2. FRG REPS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR
EXPLANATIONS. WHILE UNDERSTANDING THE BASIS FOR THE
DIFFERENTIATION OF THE US POSITION ON THE TWO SUBJECT
CASES, THEY NEVERTHELESS STRONGLY EXPRESSED THE VIEW
THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION WAS BY WHAT PRINCIPLES
MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE GUIDED, IRRESPECTIVE OF
WHETHER THE QUESTION AT ISSUE WAS WHAT PRACTICE SHOULD
BE FOLLOWED IN PARTICULAR AGENCIES OR WHAT PROVISIONS
SHOULD BE EMBODIED INTO CONSTITUTIONS. GERMANS WERE
CONCERNED THAT ONCE DG SAOUMA'S PROPOSALS HAD BEEN
ACCEPTED FOR 1976-77 IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO
HOLD OFF SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCCEEDING FISCAL
PERIODS. GERMANS WERE ALSO CONCERNED THAT LARGE BREACH OF
PRINCIPLE OF NOT FINANCING OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES
FROM REGULAR BUDGETS, WHICH THEY SAW INVOLVED IN SAOUMA'S
PROPOSALS (IN CONTRAST TO THEIR POSITION REPORTED REFS
B AND C WHICH WOULD CONFINE MUCH FINANCING THROUGH UNIDO
BUDGET TO OVERHEADS AND CONTINUATION OF PRESENT UN REGULAR
PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS), WOULD ADD FUEL TO
CENTRIFUGAL TENDENCIES ALREADY APPARENT IN UNDP SYSTEM
AND INCREASE THE DANGER OF SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF UNDP'S
CENTRAL PROGRAMMING ROLE FOR TA ACTIVITIES. KURTH OPINED
IN THIS CONNECTION THAT IF THE UNDP PROGRAMMING
PROCESS DEVELOPED INTO A PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH
RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WERE FREE TO DETERMINE HOW
TO USE THEIR IPF'S, THEN FRG MIGHT WELL DECIDE
THAT THE WAY TO GIVE EFFECT TO THEIR VIEWS AS TO
APPROPRIATE SECTORAL PRIORITIES WOULD BE TO MAKE THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECTLY TO THE APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL
AGENCIES.

3. GERMANS AGREED ON THE NEED FOR CONTINUING CLOSE
CONSULTATIONS ON THESE MATTERS. THEY DID NOT YET
KNOW WHAT POSITION FRG WOULD TAKE WHEN SAOUMA'S PROPOSALS
WERE DISCUSSED IN ROME. THEY ASSUME THAT FAO
GENEVA GROUP WOULD BE FORUM FOR COORDINATION OF WESTERN
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